THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Consumer Courts set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 are serving the purpose for which they are wet up under the Act. They are functioning as per procedure laid down in the Act and the Rules framed thereunder.

(c) and (d) According to the information sent by Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 11410 cases were pending in consumer courts in Delhi as on 31-7-95. The oldest case is pending from 1990 in Delhi State Commission. The State Government is making all efforts for establishing two more District Fora for the speedy disposal of the cases.

Central Assistance for Clearing Arrears of Consumer Courts

1466. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had provided central assistance amounting to Rs. 61 crores for improving the image of the department in clearing the arrears in Consumer Courts;

(b) if so, the break-up of the expenditure incurred from the central aid; and

(c) how far the grant has eased the position of consumer courts in disposing of cases?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Central Government has agreed to provide a financial assistance of Rs. 61 crores in four half yearly instalments to the State Governments/UT Administrations to strengthen the infrastructure of the consumer courts set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(b) and (c) The Government has sanctioned Rs. 5 crores on 27-7-95 as a part of the first instalment to the States/UTs. It is too early to assess its impact on the disposal of cases by consumer courts.

Procurement of Foodgrains by FCI

1467. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 104 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1995 and state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice procured by the Food Corporation of India in the country so far and the total storage capacity available in the warehouses therefor;

(b) whether the available storage capacity is not adequate to preserve all the procured wheat and rice; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that the procured wheat and rice do not suffer damage as a result of their lying in the open in an unscientific manner?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) the quantity of wheat and rice procured by the Food Corporation of India in the country for central pool during current Rabi 1995-96 and Kharif 1994-95 and the total storage capacity available with FCI as on 1-7-1995 are as under:

(in the tonnes)

I. Quantity Procured	
(i) Wheat (Rabi 1995-96)	122.83
(ii) Paddy (Kharif 1994-95)	81.62
(iii) Levy Rice (Kharif 1994-95)	77.81
TOTAL:	282.26
II. Total storage capacity (as on 1-7-1995)	
(i) Covered	231.10
(ii) Covered and Plinth (CAP)	56.93
TOTAL:	288.03

(c) At macro level, the existing storage capacity is adequate to store the availability of stocks. However, difficulties do arise in the heavy procurement areas. In order to take care of any deficiency at local levels, the Field Officers of FCI have been delegated with powers for hiring additional storage capacity from the private parties as well as Government agencies like CWC/SWCs, State Government etc. Further, as a long term strategy, the following steps are being taken:

1. On going construction of godown is being expedited. Hiring of covered space from Government agencies such as CWC/SWCs and private parties is being resorted to.
2. FCI's own CAP capacity is being enhanced to the maximum extent depending upon staff availability to handle such open storage capacity.
3. National Airport and Defence authorities have been approached to hire abandoned Air-strips for creating large open storage complexes.
4. Construction of convertible plinths has been taken up at certain strategic locations.

The FCI has also undertaken construction of additional storage capacity at strategic locations.

Import of Wine

1468. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pelased to state:

(a) the value and quantity of wine improted during the last three-yuears, year-wise; and

(b) the names of the countries from which wine was improted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The value and quantity of wine imported during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (April 1994-February, 1995)

Years	Quantity (Litrtes)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1992-93	117.082	194.87
1993-94	83.383	138.04
1994-95	196.247	308.03

(April, 1994-February, 1995)

(b) The major countries from which wine was improted are Australia, Belgium, France, German F. Republic, UK, USA Singapore, Netherland, Itlay, Denmark, Portugal, United Arab Emirates, Switzerland, Bhutan, Spain and Chile.

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

रांची में भारतीय कोयला प्रबंधन संस्थान की स्थापना

1469. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:**
श्री इश दत्त यादव:

क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रांची में भारतीय कोयला प्रबंधक संस्थान स्थापित किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं?

(ख) उस पर अब तक कितनी राशि व्यय की गई है; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान की गई नियुक्तियों का (अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों सहित) ब्यौरा क्या है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा): (क) भारतीय कोयला प्रबंधक संस्थान स्थापित करने के उद्देश्य निम्नलिखित हैं:—

(1) संगठन की सीखो की आवश्यकताओं तथा प्रशिक्षण का मूल्यांकन।

(2) आवश्यकता-आधारित उद्योग विशिष्ट जानकारी पाठ्यक्रम माडयूल तथा अध्ययन पाठ्यक्रम समस्त उद्योग में लागू करने के लिए तैयार किया जाना ताकि को०ई०लि० के समस्त कर्मचारियों का एक समान विकास सुनिश्चित किया जा सके।

(3) विशिष्ट जानकारी संगठित करना।

(4) विशिष्ट जानकारी मॉडयूल विकसित करना।